(b) to (d) Information to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Saving Gas from Flaring up

41. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 642 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to save the gas from being flared by channelising it for domestic use or any other commercial use in the country;

(b) what is the quantity of gas at present demanded being made available for domestic supply in Gujarat;

(c) whether it is possible to meet domestic demand immediately and if not by when the supply can be made available;

(d) what is the cost of production of gas and what is its equation with the sale price of gas;

(e) what is the price of gas, recommended by Gujarat Government taking into consideration in the price of alternative fuels; and

(f) whether the same has been agreed to and if not, what is the rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 80,000 cubic metres of gas per day is being supplied to Baroda Municipal Corporation for domestic consumption. Commitment of gas has been made for domestic supply in Ankleshwar and Baroach cities. Proposal for gas supply to Surat city under consideration.

(c) Demands for domestic purposes have been met wherever they are found feasible.

(d) The cost of production of gas during 1985-86 was estimated at Rs. 1039.95 per thousand cubic metre, including royalty and sales tax. The pricing formula annonced by the Government, which came into force from 30-1-87, provides for reasonable returns for gas exploration, marketing and transportation and to encourage its further development and use.

(e) and (f) The Government of Gujarat have requested a price of Rs. 600 to 700/1000 SM3 of gas for domestic use in Ankleshwar and Baroach. As this is lower then the price fixed by Government, this has not been agreed to.

Allotment of Diesel, Kerosene and Petrol to States

42. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of diesel, kerosene oil and petrol allotted to the States during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 year-wise; and

(b) the criteria for allotment thereof to each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Normally the requirements of kerosene of various States and Union Territories are assessed by allowing a 5 per cent growth over the allocations made in the corresponding period of the previous year, on a four-month-block basis, and allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allo-